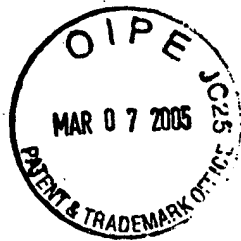


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2004, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on January 5, 2005, and having been extended by two months to March 7, 2005 (March 5, 2005 being a Saturday), by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.